

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

November 9, 2021

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 10:00 AM on November 9, 2021, online via Zoom. All Commission members were present: Chris Gorecki; Chairman, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-Chair; Greg Holley, Dr. Brian Forschler, Kim Bragg, Bodine Sinyard, and Christy Kuriatnyk.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants, and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Mrs. Bragg seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA Urban Entomology update. He is working with UGA administrators to get approval to host the January SPCC meeting. Dr. Forschler encourages attendance to the Structural Pest Management webinars provided by UGA Extension. Dr. Suiter will host tomorrow's webinar, *Cockroaches and Ants*. Ms. Lisa Ames will host *Occasional Invaders and Indicator Species* on December 9. The link to these webinars can be found on UGA Extension, Eventbrite, and Getting the Best of Pest websites.
- F. Mr. Tim Taylor provided the compliance and enforcement update. SPD held a SWIM (Statewide Inspector Meeting) October 27. Focus areas included division priorities, outreach activities, most frequent violations, and unlicensed operators.
- G. Ms. Ali Ikner provided the certification and training update. An Authorized Submitter Training was held earlier this month. The next one will be next year. The proposed new C&T plan is being edited per EPA's suggestions.
- H. Mr. Lastinger provided the department and program updates. SPD field staff volunteered in the Georgia National Fair Baby Barn. 2022 Outreach activities are in planning. GDA will accept Summer 2022 internship applications starting December 1. GDA's website will be revamped in 2022. A state mandate increasing security to enterprise systems will start in 2022. GDA's SART (State Agriculture Response Team) will hold a FAD Safe exercise next week as a preparation in the case of a large animal disease breakout. All GDA Divisions participate in the exercise. The next Pesticide Clean Day events will be held in southwest Georgia and the metro Atlanta area. Dates and locations are to be announced. Mr. Lastinger introduced SPD's new part-time admin, Kellee Kess.
- I. Mr. Gorecki provided an update on the proposed spray foam insulation code amendment. DCA's public hearing was October 26. Several Commission members attended the hearing. DCA board meeting will be held at 1:00 today in Perry. A vote on this proposal is expected.
- J. Mr. Lastinger provided an update on the Honeybee Control and Removal rule. The implementation timeline of the rule is posted on the Honeybee Removal and Control webpage. Testing materials are being developed.

- K. The Commission discussed the 2022 meeting schedule. Meetings will be held every second Tuesday of the month except October will be the third Tuesday. No meeting in July. Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom except for 2 or 3 meetings to be held in person. In person meeting locations are to be announced.
- L. Mr. Tripp Martin provided the Legislative update. Georgia legislatures are currently in a special session with a focus on re-districting. The special session will end Friday, November 19. 2022 regular session will start January 10.
- M. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. PestWorld’s annual conference attendance exceeded 3,500 and was considered very successful. Conference highlights included discussions of portable clearance devices with sulfuryl fluoride and EPA’s proposed decision for pyrethrin pesticides.
- N. Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

**ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## ATTACHMENT 1

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### Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission

Chris Gorecki, Chairman  
Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chairman  
Christy Kuriatnyk, Georgia Department of Public Health  
Dr. Brian Forschler, University of Georgia  
Bodine Sinyard, Adams Exterminators  
Greg Holley, Zone Pest Solutions  
Kim Bragg, Consumer Affairs & Protection Representative

### Agenda

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**Open - Chairman Gorecki**

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications – Ali Ikner
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update - Dr. Brian Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture Updates – Derrick Lastinger
  - Compliance/Enforcement – Tim Taylor
  - Certification & Training –Ali Ikner
  - Outreach
- d. Spray Foam Insulation and proposed building code amendment
- e. Rule 620-9 Updates
- f. 2022 Meetings
- g. Legislative update – Trip Martin
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

## ATTACHMENT 2

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### Company License Applications

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Landlock Pest Control – Lawrenceville, GA
- All For One Pest Solutions – Forsyth, GA

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- Overall Pest Solutions – Cherokee County (insurance)
- Pest Patrol – Coweta County (name change)